

The David A. Solari Post 151 of the American Legion works tirelessly for our community of veterans and their families. We honor the service of our veterans and congratulate the David A. Solari Post 151 of the American Legion on its 100th anniversary.

**HONORING THE BLACK RIFLE
COFFEE COMPANY**

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great work and inspiring mission of the Black Rifle Coffee Company, a veteran-owned coffee company committed to supporting those in uniform in each branch of the armed forces, law enforcement, and first responders.

The Black Rifle Coffee Company was founded in 2014 and was inspired by CEO and Founder Evan Hafer's time in the military where he recognized the impact something as simple as coffee can have on our nation's service members. With a goal of hiring 10,000 veterans, the Black Rifle Coffee Company has expanded greatly from Evan's basement to different locations across the United States and Canada. This growth was made possible by Evan and the rest of the owners, all of whom are veterans themselves: Tom Davin, Mat Best, Jarred Taylor, Richard Ryan, and Logan Stark.

As I have said before, I strongly believe the most important part of returning home from the military is renewing that mission and sense of purpose for our veterans, as well as the community around them. It is inspiring to see the Black Rifle Coffee Company take the initiative to look out for their fellow military brothers and sisters—just as they were trained to do on the battlefield while protecting our freedoms.

I'm proud to recognize the Black Rifle Coffee Company in this Chamber and thank them for their commitment to helping those who have put everything on the line for our country. This team and community of veterans is the embodiment of true patriotism, and I look forward to watching the mission of the Black Rifle Coffee Company continue to grow and inspire others to do the same.

**NORM HURST RECEIVES THE
PRESIDENTS' CHOICE AWARD**

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of Norm Hurst, who received the Presidents' Choice Award from the Victor Valley College Foundation on February 22, 2020.

After serving in the United States Air Force, Norm Hurst went on to become a Deputy Sheriff for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Within the span of his 32-year career in law enforcement, Norm would ultimately be promoted to Deputy Chief. Long before he was a Deputy Chief, Norm's associa-

tion with Victor Valley College began when he received his Associate of Science degree in the Spring of 1974. Not long after receiving his Bachelor's in Criminal Justice, Norm was encouraged to begin teaching within Victor Valley College's Criminal Justice Department. His service to the College continued in 2011 when he joined the Victor Valley College Foundation Board of Directors. Today, Norm continues to be an advocate for student success, and works tirelessly to fundraise for the Foundation's scholarships and grants to VVC's departments.

Norm Hurst has dedicated decades of his life to serving the public. Throughout his career in the military, law enforcement, and education, he has embodied one of the Air Force's core values—Service Before Self. Congratulations, Norm.

**HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE 1980 WINTER
OLYMPICS IN LAKE PLACID**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the historic legacy of the Olympic Games in Lake Placid. This week marks the 40th Anniversary of the 1980 Winter Olympics, which featured some of the most iconic moments in Olympic history.

The first Olympics held in Lake Placid took place in February of 1932. The intervening half century saw the massive upheaval of World War II and the rise of the Soviet Union. The Olympics returned to Lake Placid in the winter of 1980 and brought the tensions of the Cold War with them. It was during those games that the amateur USA Hockey Team defeated the heavily favored Soviet Hockey Team on their way to a gold medal in what was dubbed the "Miracle on Ice." In addition, U.S. speed skater Eric Heiden's record-setting five gold medals helped cement the Thirteenth Olympic Winter Games as one for the ages.

Building this legacy has been an ongoing effort for over a century. Since long before the 1932 games, residents of Lake Placid have been working hard to make their community a destination for winter sports athletes and enthusiasts. Lake Placid and surrounding communities have sent at least one athlete to every Winter Olympics since the first one in 1924. In order to maintain that level of success, they have worked tirelessly to host other major international and national competitions that constantly foster new generations of world class athletes. It is for that reason that Lake Placid was chosen as the host city for the 2023 World University Games, where over 2,000 athletes from all over the world will come together to compete in 79 events.

To honor the 40th Anniversary of the 1980 games, throughout this week there will be dozens of events at all of the facilities celebrating athletes from the original winter games and athletes moving towards Olympic goals. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate the entire Lake Placid community on this important milestone. I look forward to working with local leaders to ensure the continued success of Lake Placid and its athletes.

**STRAWBERRY CREST HIGH
SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. ROSS SPANO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the girls soccer team of Strawberry Crest High School for winning the Class 6A District 11 title.

The team exhibited strength and passion all year long. Then their many hours of practice and commitment to one another gave them an added edge on their run to the district title.

In the semifinals, the team showcased their extraordinary talents by shutting out Tampa Tech, 3–0.

In the championship game against a very talented Plant City team, Strawberry Crest was resilient in their effort and pitched a fierce comeback to ultimately win the game in double overtime.

I congratulate Coach Sean Woodhouse and his staff on this title. The time and effort you invest into our youth to help them develop into strong leaders and community members does not go unnoticed.

I also congratulate the following team members for their fantastic season:

Sheny Anauo, Cristoval Arevalo, Kamila Arevalo Cortes, Stephanie Briseno, Abigail Caballero, Ezra Carpenter, Ariana Diaz Cortes, Avery Fearnow, Isamara Flores-Hernandez, Andrea Garcia.

Alexa Guzman, Madison Hall, Emily Hobbs, Khajiah Jeans, Lydia Linares, Amanda Ocegueda, Lizabeth Ortiz, Ashley Parow, Emily Parow, Mei Ramsey.

Olivia Reyes, Emily Rosales, Danielle Seunath, Hanna Trotto, Hali Vician.

I'm proud of them all.

IN RECOGNITION OF STAFF SERGEANT JOSEPH EUGENE PROKOP

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Staff Sergeant Joseph Eugene Prokop, a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, who bravely served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and was tragically executed by the German Gestapo along with two of his fellow airmen.

Staff Sergeant Prokop, son of John and Anna Prokop, enlisted in the army in 1939 at the age of seventeen. In 1945 near the end of World War II, while on his fiftieth mission in the air corps, the B–17 bomber he was manning took anti-aircraft fire over Frankfurt, Germany and crashed in the city of Hanau. Until recently, it was believed that Prokop and the rest of the plane's crew died in the crash.

However, historians in Hanau recently discovered that Prokop and two of his fellow airmen—Technical Sergeant Charles Bernard Goldstein and Technical Sergeant Warren George Hammond—survived the attack but were subsequently captured by Hanau police and turned over to the Gestapo. Upon learning that one of the three men was Jewish, a Gestapo director ordered all three men to be executed.